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April 30, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
Attention: Karen C. Bane, Project Manager

Dear Mr. Morabito:

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR MACHADO LAKE AND WILMINGTON DRAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, I am writing to enlist your support in recommending that funding for the proposed Machado Lake and Wilmington Drain Improvement Project be approved. The future of Machado Lake rests heavily with agencies like yours that can address the vast amount of resources required to improve the Lake's water availability and sustainability. Machado Lake is valued as an indispensable and important parcel of remnant wetlands that can bio-remediate, filter water, and provide valuable fishing and wildlife habitat.

The only source of water into Machado Lake is the storm water and urban runoff discharge from three storm drains: The Vermont Avenue and 250th Street Drains on the west and the Wilmington Drain on the north. The Lake is silted and heavily polluted from non-point source pollution. The requested funding will be used to complete environmental studies necessary to evaluate potential improvement projects for the problems related to water quality and habitat restoration. I would appreciate your favorable consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


JON KIRK MUKRI
General Manager

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May 14, 2004

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VIA FACSIMILE (510) 286-3840 and US POST

Re: Support for Machado Lake and Wilmington Drain Improvement

Dear Mr. Morabito,

On behalf of Palos Verdes/South Bay Audubon Society, I encourage your support for the improvement of Machado Lake and Wilmington Drain. For the last six years, this Audubon chapter has had as its principal goal the rescue of Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park and its related water bodies, Machado Lake and Wilmington Drain, which have been allowed to deteriorate dramatically due to underfunding, lack of adequate staffing and growing social problems.

The park's value to wildlife is immense, and, as the last significant place in southern Los Angeles where people can see functional water-related habitats, so is their value to people. Audubon has worked with the State and a multiplicity of local cities and agencies to further its goals of park and habitat enhancement. It was instrumental in obtaining funding for earlier phases of this project, which you are now being asked to fund.

Granting the present request is essential to the eventual full protection and restoration of the wetlands associated with the park and its water bodies. Los Angeles and its citizens, to say nothing of the non-human residents in these once-wild places, need the Coastal Conservancy's help. Thank your for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jess Morton'. The signature is written over a horizontal line and extends slightly to the right.

Jess Morton
Treasurer